

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **DHSP School Year 2021-2022**

### **Community Schools and Cambridge Youth Programs**

#### **How many days can my child participate?**

Families may register their child for 1-5 days of afterschool programming at Community Schools and Cambridge Youth Programs (CYP). For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders registering for CYP Pre-Teen / Middle School Programs, which focuses on building deep relationships and community, we recommend registering for at least 3 program days each week. Research suggests that young people who attend Out of School Time (OST) programs at least 3 days a week show more positive outcomes.

#### **What date does programming end?**

Programming for all of DHSP's afterschool programs, including Community Schools, will operate through June 2022. There will not be a need to register for another session.

#### **Will there be afterschool programming on half days? Holidays? Vacation weeks?**

Yes. Community Schools and CYP will offer programming on CPS half days and full-day programming during February and April Vacations. CYP will also provide full-day programming on some CPS holidays. A full schedule will be provided when families enroll. Half-day and vacation week programming may incur an additional cost, and the process for registering will be shared with families who are offered enrollment in September.

#### **Is transportation provided?**

Cambridge Public Schools' Transportation Policy allows for children to be dropped off at various locations, including other schools and Youth Centers, provided that there is a bus route between the schools/locations. Please contact the CPS Transportation Office at 617-349-6862 to inquire about your child's eligibility for transportation.

#### **Does my child need to attend the same school for academic and afterschool programming?**

No. Attendance at the same school is not required. [Click here for more information about Cambridge Public Schools](#), including locations and start / end times.

#### **What are the tuition rates?**

Our tuition fees are for an entire year of programming, broken into monthly payments. Tuition is based on family income and the number of days that children attend programming. **The table below shows the monthly tuition rates for each number of programming days.** The annual household income shown here is for a 3 person household. The rate may be lower for larger households.

Tuition: Monthly Rate for the Number of Days

Annual Household Income	5 days	4 days	3 days	2 days	1 day
Less than \$27,188	\$9.52	\$7.62	\$5.71	\$3.81	\$1.90
\$27,188-\$38,062	\$39.97	\$31.98	\$23.98	\$15.99	\$7.99
\$38,063-\$54,374	\$57.09	\$45.67	\$34.25	\$22.84	\$11.42
\$54,375-\$70,687	\$123.70	\$98.96	\$74.22	\$49.48	\$24.74
\$70,688-\$86,999	\$152.25	\$121.80	\$91.35	\$60.90	\$30.45
\$87,000-\$108,749	\$266.44	\$213.15	\$159.86	\$106.58	\$53.29
\$108,750-\$130,499	\$319.73	\$255.78	\$191.84	\$127.89	\$63.95
\$130,500-\$163,124	\$399.66	\$319.73	\$239.80	\$159.86	\$79.93
\$163,125-\$217,499	\$532.88	\$426.30	\$319.73	\$213.15	\$106.58
More than \$217,500	\$666.09	\$532.87	\$399.65	\$266.44	\$133.22

**Are snacks provided?**

Yes. All of DHSP's afterschool programs provide daily snacks for children in attendance. If a child has specific nutritional needs, families are encouraged to pack an individual snack for their child.

**Why is the Community Schools model changing this year?**

We have learned that the first-come, first-served registration model negatively impacts our ability to equitably serve all families. Additionally, we know that most families' highest priority is selecting which days they wish their child to attend. We therefore adjusted our registration process and enrollment model to better prioritize equitable access and better meet the needs of families.

**What protocols and precautions will be in place for COVID-19?**

Our top priority is the health and safety of our children, families, and staff. We will follow the guidance of the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Cambridge Public Schools. Families will be notified of the latest COVID-19 guidelines at afterschool programs prior to their start in September.